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the guard detail of the Soviet headquarters in Ruedersdorf in the strength of 80 to 100 troops had been relieved, in early November 1953, by an estimated 20 to 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia. Beginning about 11 November, about 30 officers up to and including captain and wearing red-bordered golden epaulets, including about 24 officers with signal and 6 officers with artillery insignia were stationed in the installation. Between 7 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., the about 30 officers daily went to the building west of the entrance of the headquarters where they were served their meals. At about 11 a.m., 5 to 6 officers daily left the installation for the barracks installation southeast of Alt-Ruedersdorf. Motor vehicles, which previously approached the installation via Reden Strasse, were detoured via Heinitz Strasse and Kreuzbruecke since about 9 November. On 7 November, truck entered the installation, coming from the barracks installation southeast of Alt-Ruedersdorf and, after about 2 hours, returned toward this installation.

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barracks installation southeast of Alt-Ruedersdorf. A few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia were seen near the installation. The civilian population on either side of Fuerstenwalder Strasse had been ordered to vacate the area and move to Herzfelde and Woltersdorf by about 20 November.

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2. The newly arrived post commander with his family was temporarily quartered in the building west of the entrance of the headquarters. The post komendatura was to be stationed in a building on Schloss Strasse, opposite the Alt-Ruedersdorf mill. This building was being vacated and civilians living there were transferred to Kalkberge.

Comment. A relief of the guard detail had previously been reported and is believed to take place at regular intervals. The occupation of the installation in the Reden tunnel ^{by 10 officers} is reported for the first time. The branch of service insignia of the officers tends to indicate that most of them belonged to signal units. The occupation of the barracks installation southeast of Alt-Ruedersdorf is still undetermined. The AAA Regt of the 2d Gds AAA Div, which transferred there in May 1953, could not definitely be confirmed.

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